OH, DEAR.
OH, MY.

MY LITTLE CUTIES HAVE MADE A MESS!

I WAS ASKED TO KILL THEM IN THE MOST EXCRUCIATING WAY POSSIBLE.

SEEMS I GOT THE JOB DONE TOO QUICKLY.

WELL, WATCHING THEM BEG FOR MERCY WHILE THEIR INTESTINES WERE SPILLING OUT WAS PRETTY ENJOYABLE WHILE IT LASTED.

OH, NO.

SPARE...
SPARE ME.

THE PEOPLE WHO WENT DOWN THE OTHER PATHS PROBABLY HAVEN'T REACHED THE END YET, RIGHT?
HUH?

WHAT'S...
...GOING ON HERE?!

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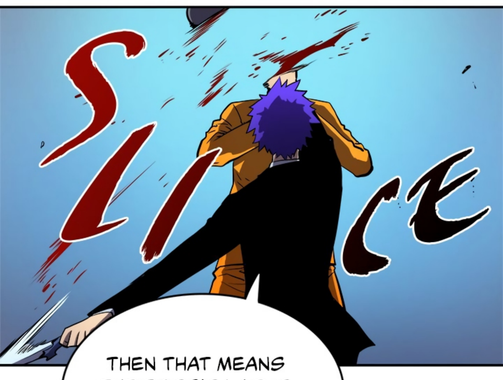
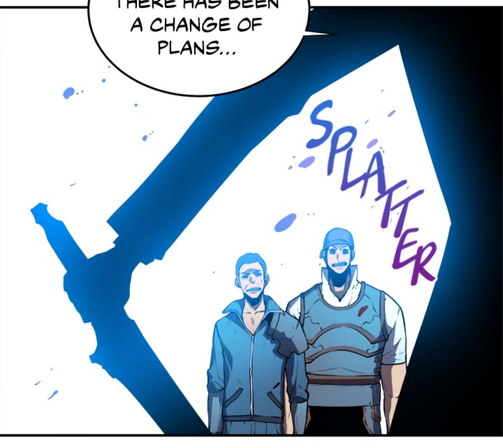



THEN THAT MEANS THE BOSS'S LAIR IS DOWN THE PATH ON THE LEFT.

THANKS TO YOU GUYS, LOOKS LIKE I WON'T GET LOST.

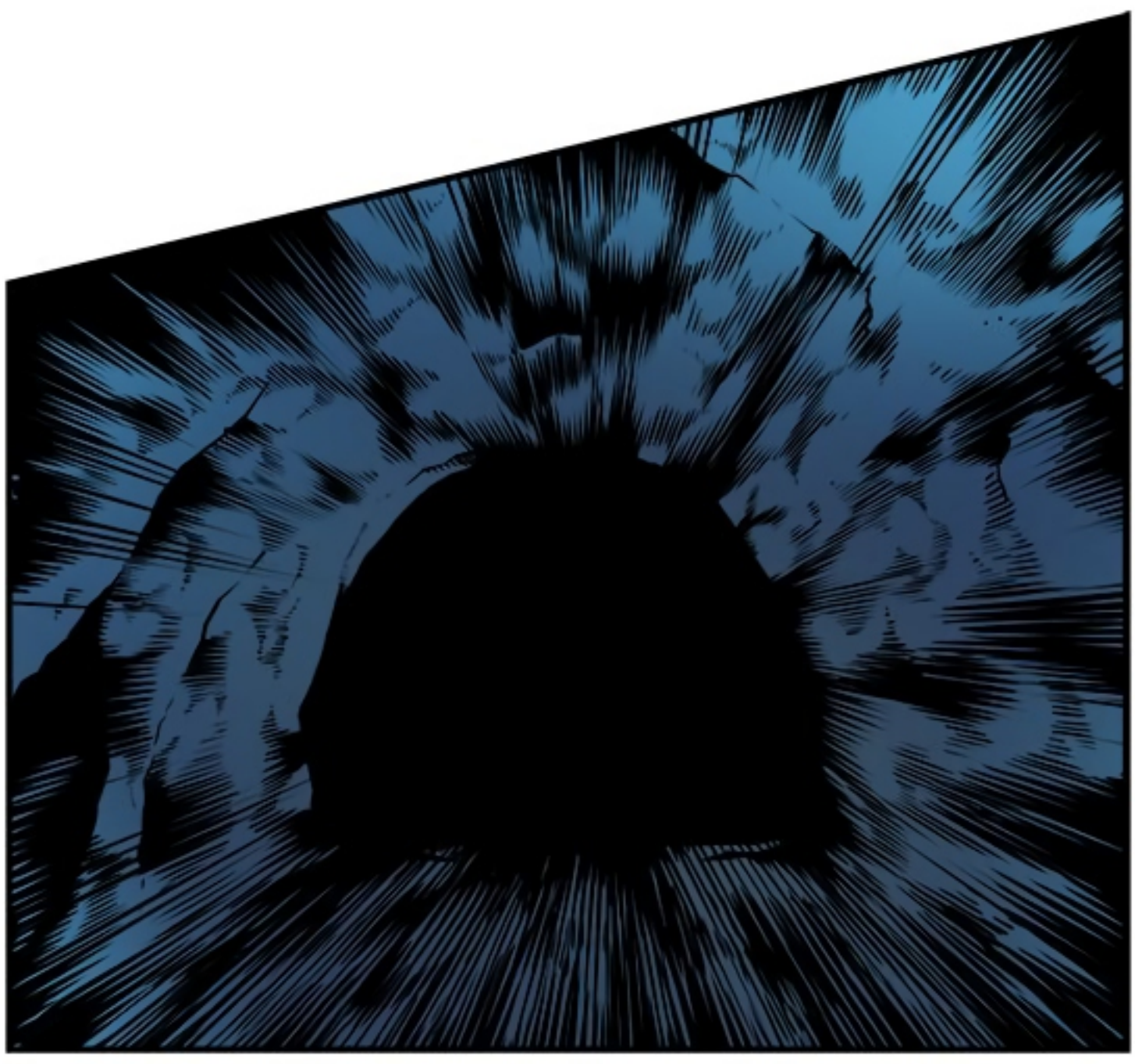
THOUGH THERE HAS BEEN A CHANGE OF PLANS...

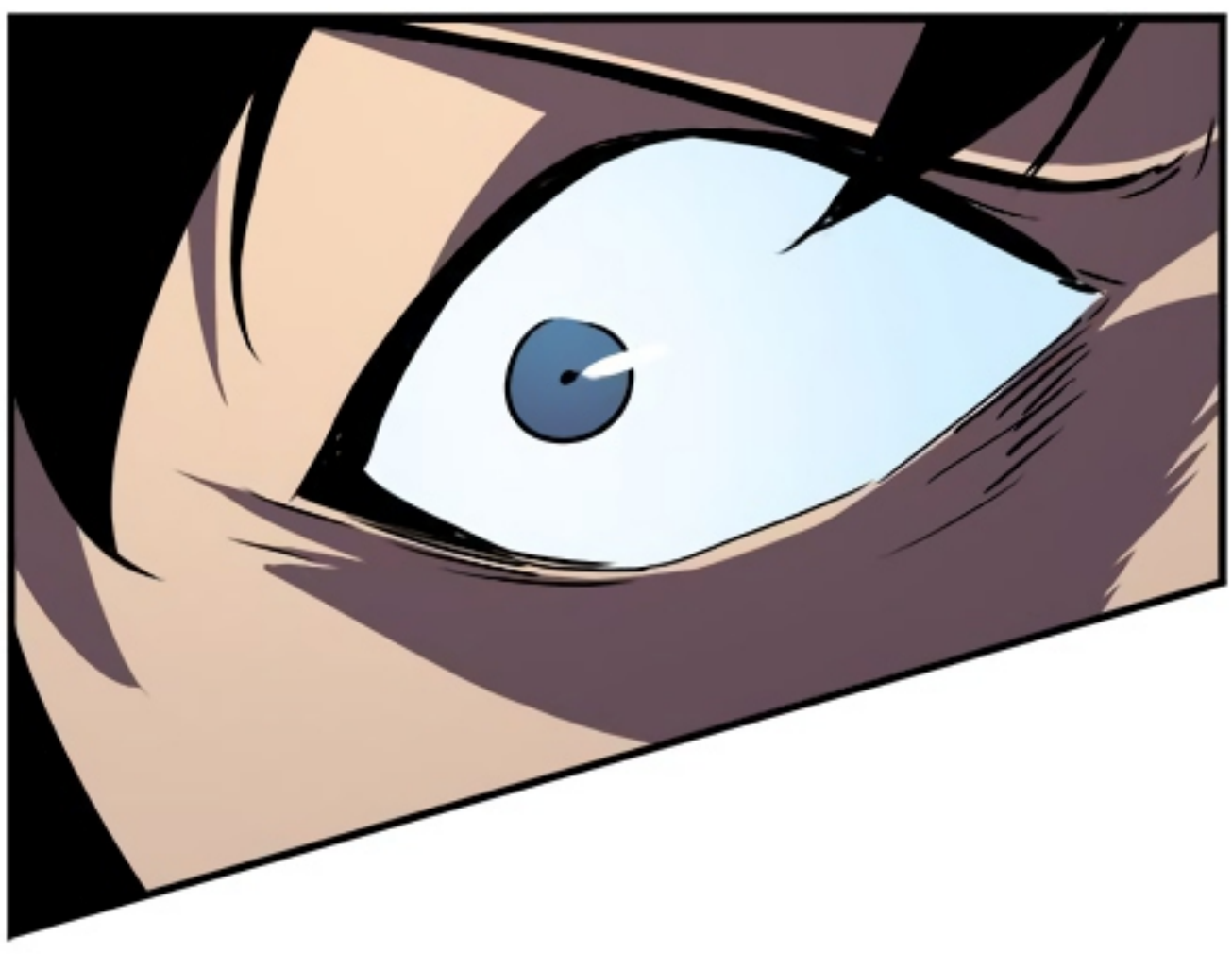


AAAAHH

A BLOOD-CURDLING SCREAM!!
MR. SONG, WE NEED TO HEAD BACK!
RIGHT, LET'S GO!

DASH

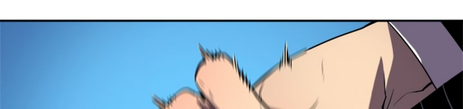




GRAB

OH?
YOU'RE FAST.

WHAT'S
YOUR DEAL?



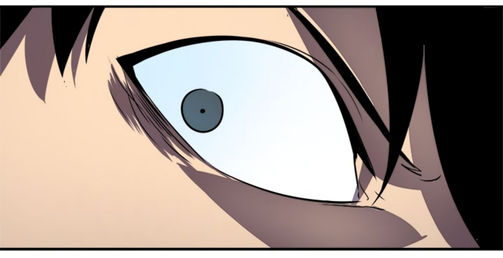
HE BLOCKED MY ATTACK?

TO AVOID ANY SETBACKS, I WANTED TO GET RID OF HER FIRST, BECAUSE EVEN THOUGH SHE'S IN A NON-COMBATANT CLASS, SHE'S STILL A B-RANK HEALER.
I MIGHT NEED TO REWRITE MY STORY IF THINGS DON'T GO AS PLANNED.
W...WHAT?
THIS IS SO SUDDEN...

ALTHOUGH, I'LL BE KILLING ALL OF YOU ANYWAY.

JUST LIKE THESE GUYS.

W...WAIT!
YOU'RE PART OF THE ASSOCIATION! WHY ARE YOU DOING THIS?!



HONEY.

HM?

CAN'T YOU QUIT... BEING A HUNTER?

THIS AGAIN?

IT'S JUST SO DANGEROUS.

THE ECONOMY'S IN A RECESSION. NO OTHER JOB WILL PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE.

HAVE YOU EVER CONSIDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO WAIT FOR YOU TO COME HOME? I'M SCARED THEY'LL BRING ME BACK YOUR DEAD BODY ONE OF THESE DAYS!

...
COME ON, IT'S BETTER THAN WORKING AT SOME CONSTRUCTION SITE FOR MEAGER PAY.
BESIDES, THE ASSOCIATION DOESN'T ASK LOW-RANKING HUNTERS LIKE ME TO GO ON DANGEROUS RAIDS.
...
ALL RIGHT.
IT'S JUST THAT OUR OLDEST CHILD IS STARTING MIDDLE SCHOOL NEXT YEAR, AND OUR SECOND WILL BE GOING TO KINDERGARTEN SOON...
I'M SORRY, I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID ANYTHING.
DON'T WORRY, I KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM.
STAY STRONG, HONEY.
OKAY, I LOVE YOU.
DADDY.
HM?
WHY ARE YOU A HUNTER?
HAHA, YOU'RE ASKING ME ALL KINDS OF QUESTIONS NOW.
I TOLD MY FRIENDS YOU'RE A HUNTER, AND THEY WERE ALL LIKE, "WHOAAA."
DADDY, DOES THAT MEAN YOU'RE STRONGER THAN THE OTHER DADS?

OF COURSE, I CAN EVEN BEAT MONSTROUS BEASTS!

I KNEW IT, YOU'RE STRONG!

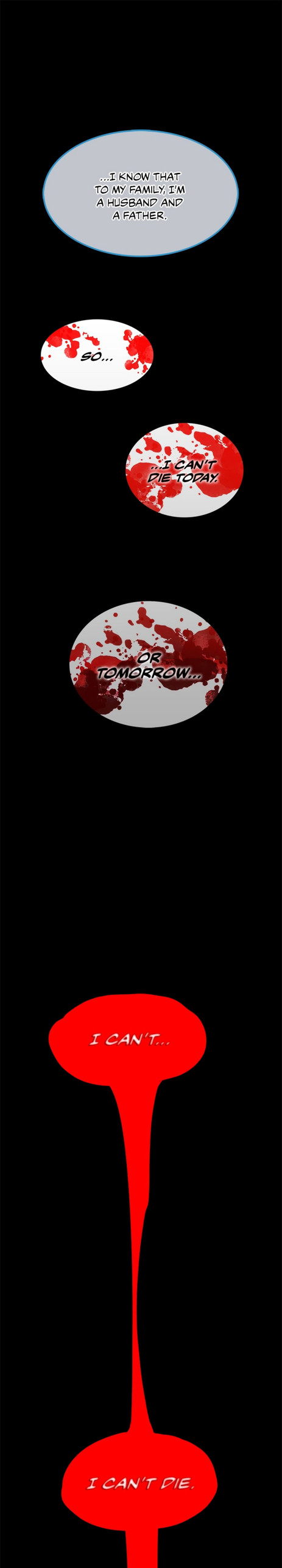
THAT'S RIGHT, DADDY'S STRONG.

ONLY ONE IN A THOUSAND ARE AWAKENED, AND OUT OF THEM, ONLY ONE OUT OF FIVE THOUSAND ARE D-RANK OR HIGHER.

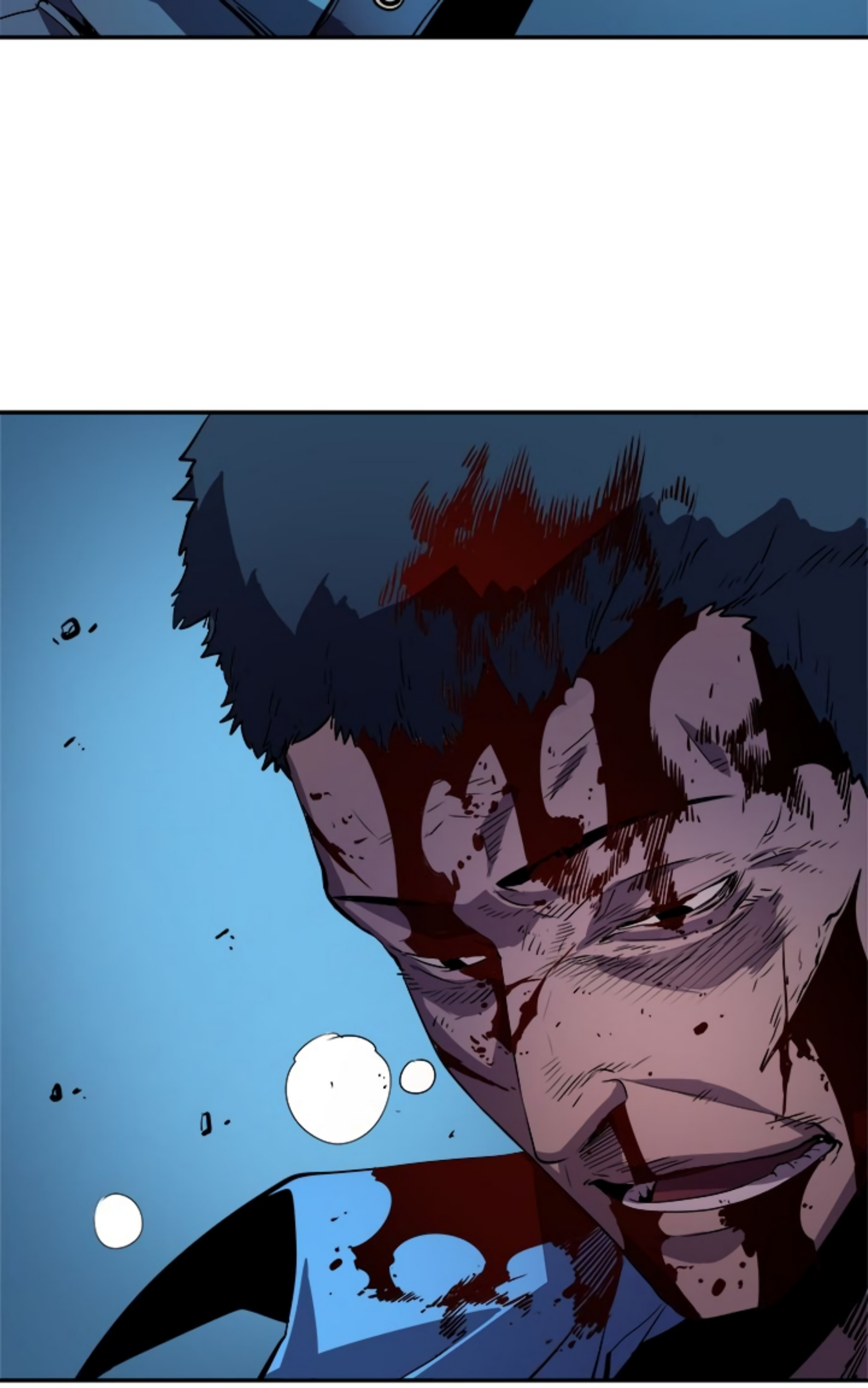
MANY LIVES REST ON THE SHOULDERS OF A SINGLE HUNTER.

ONE OUT OF FIVE THOUSAND.

ALTHOUGH I'M A HUNTER...


...I KNOW THAT TO MY FAMILY, I'M A HUSBAND AND A FATHER.
SO...
...I CAN'T DIE TODAY.
OR TOMORROW...
I CAN'T...
I CAN'T DIE.

MR. KIM...?




JOOHEE,
HEAL...

QUICK, HEAL HIM!!
RIGHT... OKAY!

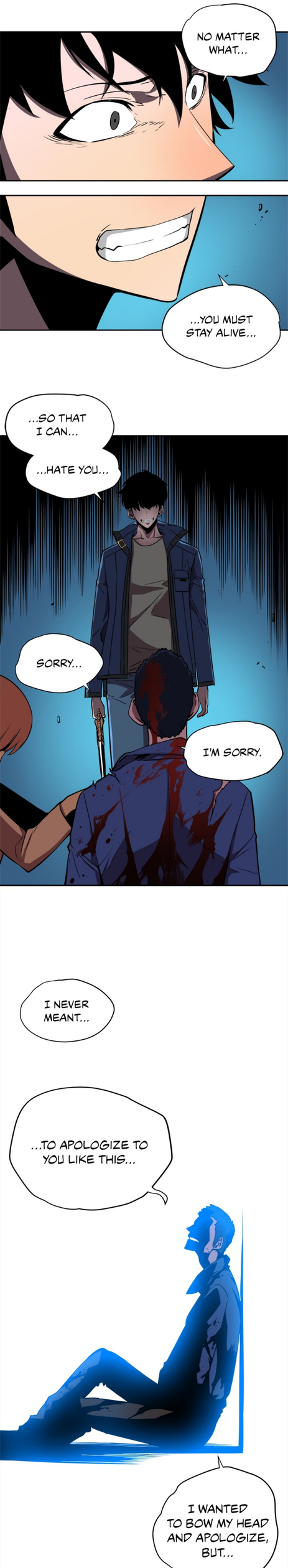
KHOFF!
URGH!

N...
NO...
THERE'S NO USE...
YOU CAN'T SAVE ME...

YOU CAN...
...STOP...
I...

...LOST TOO MUCH...
...BLOOD.

YOU HAVE TO LIVE.
THINK OF YOUR FAMILY! YOU MUST STAY ALIVE FOR THEM!


NO MATTER WHAT...
...YOU MUST STAY ALIVE...
...SO THAT I CAN...
...HATE YOU...
SORRY...
I'M SORRY.
I NEVER MEANT...
...TO APOLOGIZE TO YOU LIKE THIS...
I WANTED TO BOW MY HEAD AND APOLOGIZE, BUT...

...IF I...
...BOW RIGHT NOW...
...I'D...
...PROBABLY DIE...

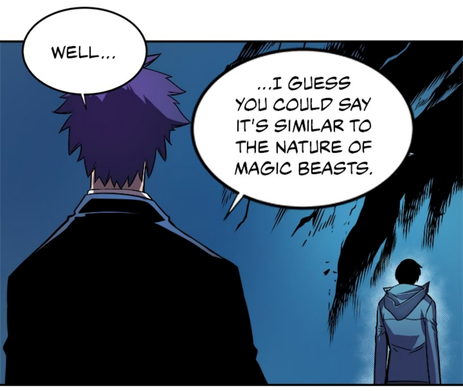
URGH
KHOFF

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

SUNG...
I'M SORRY.
I TRULY AM.

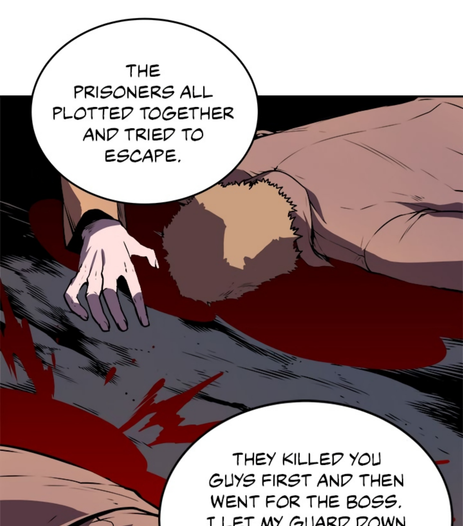
DROP

WHY DID YOU DO
THIS TO MR. KIM?


WELL...
...I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT'S SIMILAR TO THE NATURE OF MAGIC BEASTS.

ONE DAY, A GATE OPENS AND THE MAGIC BEASTS OVERRUN THE HUMANS.
IT'S LIKE A NATURAL DISASTER.

I JUST THOUGHT OF A GOOD IDEA FOR A STORY.
I WAS ORIGINALLY GOING TO SAY THAT THE GOBLINS WIPED EVERYONE OUT, BUT I THINK IT'D BE BEST TO CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF THE STORY A BIT.

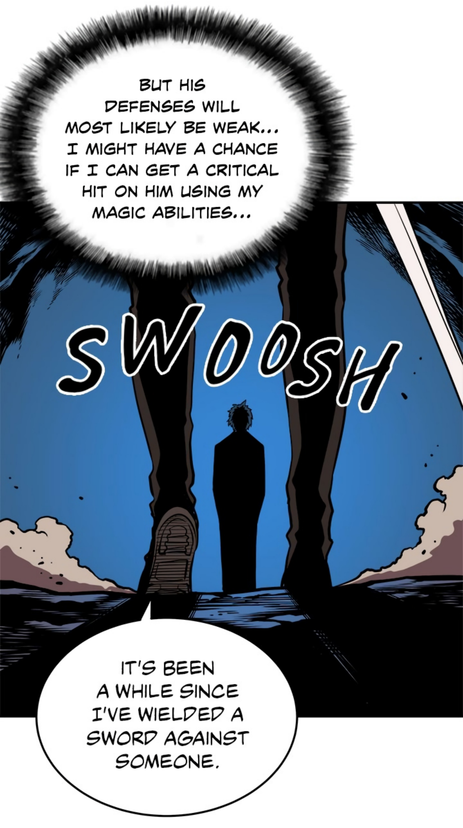

THE PRISONERS ALL PLOTTED TOGETHER AND TRIED TO ESCAPE.
THEY KILLED YOU GUYS FIRST AND THEN WENT FOR THE BOSS. I LET MY GUARD DOWN AND THEY TRIED TO AMBUSH ME FROM BEHIND AS WELL.

BUT SINCE I'M A B-RANK HUNTER, THEY WERE NO MATCH FOR ME...
AND THAT'S HOW I WAS THE ONLY ONE ABLE TO MAKE IT OUT OF THE DUNGEON ALIVE.
HOW DOES THAT SOUND? THE PUBLIC WOULD PROBABLY FALL FOR IT, RIGHT?

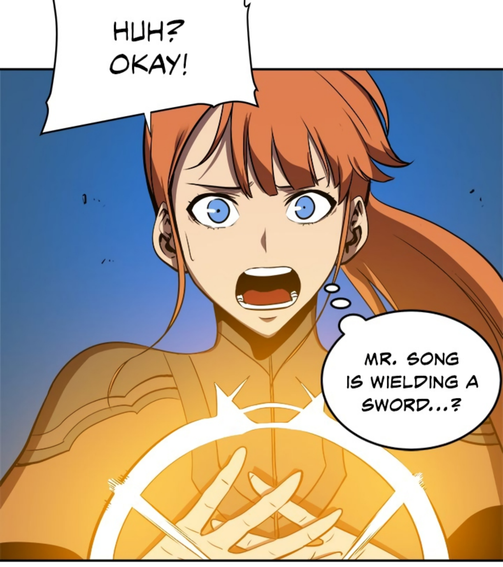
YOU PIECE OF SH*T...
GRAB
WHOA, THERE. YOU CAN'T WIN AGAINST HIM.

LEAVE IT TO ME.
MY OPPONENT IS B-RANK... I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET HIM WITH MY C-RANK SKILLS.

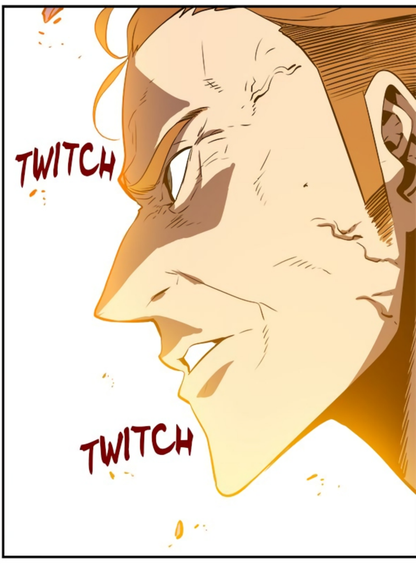
ON TOP OF THAT, HE'S AN ASSASSIN TYPE... I WON'T BE ABLE TO MATCH HIS SPEED...
KIM, I'M GOING TO BORROW THIS.


BUT HIS DEFENSES WILL MOST LIKELY BE WEAK... I MIGHT HAVE A CHANCE IF I CAN GET A CRITICAL HIT ON HIM USING MY MAGIC ABILITIES...
SWOOSH
IT'S BEEN A WHILE SINCE I'VE WIELDED A SWORD AGAINST SOMEONE.

JOOHEE IS HERE, TOO, SO...
JOOHEE, CAN YOU CAST A POWER BUFF ON ME?


HUH? OKAY!
MR. SONG IS WIELDING A SWORD...?

I'LL MAKE HIM ENGAGE IN CLOSE COMBAT. I'LL CLOSE THE DISTANCE AND MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HIM TO AVOID MY ATTACKS!
FWOOSH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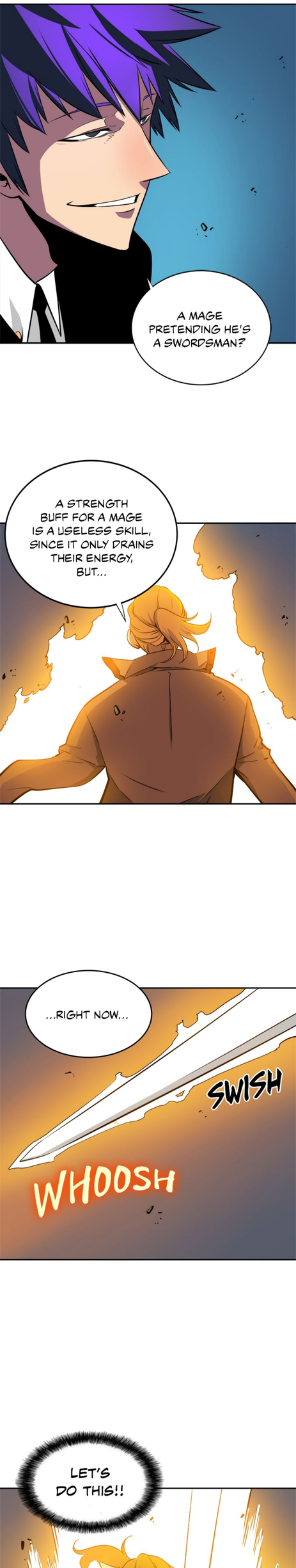
A MAGE PRETENDING HE'S A SWORDSMAN?
A STRENGTH BUFF FOR A MAGE IS A USELESS SKILL, SINCE IT ONLY DRAINS THEIR ENERGY, BUT...
...RIGHT NOW...
SWISH
WHOOSH
LET'S DO THIS!!

...I'M A SWORDSMAN.

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